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Ms. Hesse:

I have been informed that under the Tunney Act you are accepting public comment on the United State's agreement with the Microsoft Corporation. I am writing to offer my views on this matter.

I work for a company called Nash-Finch that is based in Minneapolis and operates a large chain of grocery stores in the upper Midwest and wholesale operations in more than thirty states. As Regional Pricing Manager I have seen first hand the benefits of computer innovations. It seems that we are constantly being presented with new tools that allow us to maintain better control of our inventory and maintain/improve gross margins.

The future holds many exciting things for consumers and business when it comes to technology. The last few years have taught us that almost anything is possible when technicians are allowed to freely innovate and create. Future innovations will allow businesses to operate more efficiently and help our economy as we work out of our current recession.

This case has caused questions throughout the entire industry as it watches to see if the government will successfully gain new power to regulate this industry. It is clear in the reports that I have read that the settlement currently on the table is fair. It appears that any allegations against Microsoft that have been shown to have merit in court are fairly remedied in the settlement.

This settlement provides a good resolution and it allows the technology industry as a whole to get on the move again.

Your consideration is appreciated.

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